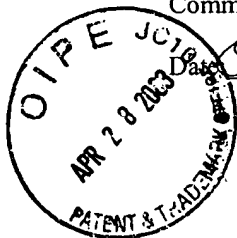


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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby timely respond to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003 and request the Examiner consider the Amendments and Remarks beginning on the following page.